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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 2  
By Bowers

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Representative Joyce Hassell for her admirable public service as a member of the General Assembly.

WHEREAS, Representative Joyce Barnett Hassell served with distinction in this body from the Ninety-Third General Assembly through the One Hundred First General Assembly; she leaves behind an exemplary record of impeccable service to her constituents of House District 96 and to the state of Tennessee. Her wit, wisdom and leadership will be sorely missed; and

WHEREAS, a native of Baldwyn, Mississippi, Representative Hassell received her Bachelor of Science degree from Blue Mountain College, which named her their 1996 Alumna of the Year, and earned her Master's degree from the University of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, her strong desire to help prepare youth for a better future led to her pursuing a career as an educator and principal; and

WHEREAS, during her meritorious tenure in this body, she served astutely as the House Republican Assistant Floor Leader for the Ninety-Ninth and the One Hundreth General Assemblies; and

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WHEREAS, Joyce was a hard-working and knowledgeable member of the House Commerce Committee and the House Transportation Committee, and served as chair of the Transportation Safety Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, she also served on the important House Ethics Committee; and

WHEREAS, Joyce's legacy of effective public service includes the passage of landmark legislation to aid the often forgotten victims of crimes, which legislation was enacted during the 101st General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, she also played a crucial role in the enactment of other important legislation to enhance the punishment of certain serious crimes committed by gang members; and to establish the "Sexual Offender Registry and Monitoring Act"; and

WHEREAS, Representative Hassell has generously contributed her time, resources and leadership to Delta Pi Epsilon, a national honorary professional graduate society in business education, and to Kappa Delta Pi, an honorary society in education; and

WHEREAS, other groups that have significantly benefited from her excellent work, include the Shelby County Republican Women, the East Shelby Republican Club, and the University of Tennessee Chancellor's Roundtable; and

WHEREAS, she is fortunate to share love and companionship with her supportive husband, Larry Hassell; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to reflect on the sterling legacy of public service of this hard-working, diligent and dedicated colleague; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and commend our friend and colleague Joyce Hassell for her outstanding service to Tennessee as a member of the General Assembly and wish her well in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.